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GOOD NEWS

On November 5, 1974, residents of Lewis and Clark County approved a \$1.8 million bond issue for construction of a new library building. The library, to be located in the urban renewal area on Helena's South Last Chance Gulch, is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1976. The modern one-story brick building will contain 33,538 square feet of floor space. A special feature will be easy access for elderly and physically handicapped persons.

The new library will probably be named Lewis and Clark Library. It will serve all residents of Lewis and Clark County and, contractually, residents of adjoining Jefferson County. In addition, the library is scheduled to become federation headquarters for an as yet to be named new library federation.

In addition to the \$1.8 million bond issue, Helena Public Library received a \$100,000 grant of Title II, Library Services and Construction Act funds, through the State Library.

NEW SENATOR

On November 5, 1974, Mrs. Margaret Warden, Chairman, Montana State Library Commission, was elected to the Montana Legislature as Senator from District 18, Cascade County.

Mrs. Warden has served as a member of the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees, as secretary of American Library Trustee Association and as president of Montana Library Association. Many of her supporters attribute her election to her well-known service to libraries in the state.

Senator Warden has been named to the Education and Judiciary Committees of the Senate.

STATE FUNDING PROPOSAL

Montana Library Association will sponsor legislation in the 1975 legislative session to provide state funding to public libraries in federations. Currently 38 states provide such aid to public libraries.

The Library Development Committee of Montana Library Association has been studying state funding proposals for the past several years. The Library Development Committee's Chairman is Alene Cooper, Librarian, Great Falls Public Library. The Montana Library Association's Legislative Committee, whose Chairman is Dorathy Kendall, Helena, will be working for the passage of a state funding bill in the 1975 Legislature.

Clint Desonia, Librarian, Helena Public Library, is president of Montana Library Association.

BLAINE COUNTY LIBRARY

Blaine County Commissioners opened bids for the construction of a new library building in Chinook. Successful bidder was Volk Construction Co. of Great Falls.

The building, to be located at 4th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, will have over 6,000 square feet of library floor space in the main library room, community room and basement.

HARLEM PUBLIC
LIBRARY

A new library building is under construction in Harlem. The County Commissioners of Blaine County have agreed to spend a portion of their revenue sharing funds to finance construction.

Volunteer workers cleared the site of the new building. Bill Thompson of Chinook has the general contract.

MSL
COMMISSION

At the December 6, 1974, meeting of the Montana State Library Commission, Mrs. Margaret Warden, Great Falls, was elected Chairman. Don Gibson, Glendive, was elected Vice Chairman.

MEMORIALS

Montana State Library has received memorial gifts to the Blind and Physically Handicapped Division.

Memorial funds are used to produce Montaniana material in braille and on cassette tape.

CARNEGIE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

The position of Librarian at Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown, is open. The position is presently part time. Applicants with some formal training and practical experience in library work will be considered.

For further information contact Mrs. Don Poush, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown, Montana 59457.

NACI

The Native American Cultural Institute has furnished Montana State Library with a collection of materials used by the Native American Studies Program at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Among those titles available are: An Even Chance, a report on Federal funds for Indian children in public school districts; Some Examples of Key Concern in the Establishment of Goals and Objectives for Indian Education; Definitions of Indian, from Federal Indian Law; Books About the American Indians; Recommended Reading List in Area of Contemporary Issues of the American Indian; Who Should Control Indian Education; Indian Parent Involvement in Education; Indian History and Culture; 65 Lessons for Modern Indians; The Crow Reservation; Annotated Bibliography of High School Materials About American Indians; The Flathead Reservation; The Fort Peck Reservation.

BIOMEDICAL
LIBRARIAN

Mrs. Ethel Hill, Director of Biomedical Communications for Montana, and Mrs. Alma Jacobs, State Librarian, attended the Mountain States Regional Medical Program conference in Boise, Idaho, November 13-15. The program stressed the use of computers in medical education and medical information services.

During the Boise trip Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Jacobs were able to visit the Idaho State Library and Boise Public Library, two large hospital libraries and the Tumor Institute Library.

Mrs. Hill attended a meeting of the Park-Sweet Grass County Medical Society on November 19. The Society is helping Livingston Memorial Hospital set up a library. Mrs. Hill instructed the Medical Records Administrator in interlibrary loan procedure.

THE ASCENT
OF MAN

Three semester hours upper or lower division credit is available from Carroll College for viewing and pursuing the program The Ascent of Man. The television-based history of science, prepared by scientist-philosopher Jacob Bronowski, can be viewed on PBS, educational TV, KUED out of Salt Lake City on Tuesday evening at 8:30. The program will begin on January 7, 1975, and continue for 13 weeks. Each program will be repeated the following Saturday evening.

For further information contact Brother John Federowicz, Library Director, Carroll College

Library, Helena, Montana 59601.

Brother John announces that Carroll College Library has been designated a partial depository for selected U. S. government publications.

NATIONAL FLOOD
INSURANCE PROGRAM

The federally subsidized program of flood insurance adopted by Congress in 1968 and expanded in 1973 imposed two new requirements on property owners and communities.

After March 1, 1974, property owners in communities where flood insurance is being sold must purchase insurance to be eligible for any new or additional Federal or federally-related financial assistance for any buildings located in areas identified by HUD as having special flood hazards. All identified flood-prone communities must enter the program by July 1, 1975.

Contact the State Library for further information.

PEOPLE Catherine Sarette is the new Children's Librarian at Great Falls Public Library. Catherine is originally from Minnesota and received her MLS from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Josephine Kunz, a Great Falls native, is the new Catalog Librarian at Great Falls Public Library. She received her BA from the College of Great Falls and her MLS from the University of Washington. Josephine also taught school for three years in Conrad.

Sue Littlepage is the new Reference Librarian at Great Falls Public Library. Sue is from Denver and received her MA in Education from Denver University.

Mrs. Lois Carlson, long-time trustee of Cascade Public Library, Cascade, died November 11, 1974, at her home in Cascade after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bess Pittman, Librarian of Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown, for 21 years died on October 18, 1974. Mrs. Pittman retired as Librarian in 1969. Before becoming Librarian, Mrs. Pittman was a member of the Board of Trustees.

POOLED RESOURCES
COLLECTION

The Pooled Resources Collection is a service to federation libraries for storage of their lesser-used material. Billings Public Library was the recipient of a grant from Montana State Library and will be the storage center.

Federation libraries may begin sending duplicate items to Billings Public Library in January, 1975.

MONTANIANA Grant, George F., The Art of Weaving Hair Hackles for Trout Flies. Butte, Mont., George F. Grant, 1971.

Grant, George F., Montana Trout Flies. Butte, Mont., George F. Grant, 1972.

Pictorial History of Mineral County. Mineral County Jaycees, 1971.

Montana League of Cities and Towns, Directory of Montana Municipal Officials; Incorporated Cities and Towns of Montana. Helena, Mont. -biennial-

Oliver, George A., Joliet; Its Pioneers and Early Days. Huntsville, Ala., printed by Monroe Printing Co., c1973.

INTERLIBRARY
COOPERATION
INSTITUTE

Four Montana librarians attended the WICHE-USOE Institute on Training for Interlibrary Cooperation, held in Boulder, Colorado, December 3-9, 1974. The purpose of the Institute, which is a four-phase program extending through June, 1975, is to train "trainers" for interlibrary cooperation. Those attending from Montana were Alene Cooper, Great Falls Public Library, Robert Cookingham, Billings Public Library, Erling Oelz, University of Montana Library and LaVern Kohl, State Library.

The Phase 1 session of the Institute was devoted to current assessment of interlibrary cooperation and network programs in the states that make up the Western Library Council of WICHE - Idaho, California, Washington, Alaska, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona and South Dakota. Teams from each state represented reported on the current status of resource sharing in their state and formulated tentative plans for continuing education in interlibrary cooperation.

Montana delegates were pleased to note that Montana libraries are pioneering in resource sharing in several areas. The state plan, formulated by the Montana team, emphasizes a program of education in resource sharing through the Montana Information Network Exchange (MINE), through the federation libraries, and through increased cooperation among all types of libraries in Montana.

In anticipation of the direction federal funding may take in the future, cooperation among the Western States through expanded use of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center and the Rocky Mountain Bibliographic Center, and through a projected Western States Network program was also discussed.

44TH
LEGISLATURE

During the forthcoming 44th Legislative session, Federation Headquarters Libraries and the Flathead County Library will receive daily, by mail from Montana State Library, copies of House and Senate bills, resolutions, status of bills, etc.

WIB-NET The Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) has issued the preliminary draft of the proposal for the implementation of the Western Interstate Bibliographic Network (WIB-NET). The proposal must be submitted to the Council on Library Resources by January 20, 1975.

The proposal would request funds to make available to the libraries of the seventeen western states access to a "data base" of machine readable bibliographic information and location information for resource sharing. The network would demonstrate and test the feasibility of a multistate regional organization based on the existing resources and systems existing at the state level, the three existing manual bibliographic centers (Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center, Bibliographical Center of Research at Denver, and the California State Library Union Catalog), and the two developing western machine readable bibliography systems (Stanford's BALLOTS and the Washington Library Network). Montana is one of the seventeen western states which is actively interested in the implementation of such a network.

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